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October 5, 2021

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Criminal Justice Information Services Division  
NICS Section  
NICS Functional Support Unit  
Post Office Box 4278  
Clarksburg, West Virginia 26302-4278

Re: Ralph Mark Newton

DOB: [REDACTED]/1952

NTN: 1012XDBXV

**DEMAND FOR CORRECTION – FIREARM DENIAL**

To Whom It May Concern:

This office represents Ralph Mark Newton. We are in receipt of your letters dated December 5, 2019 and July 19, 2021 wherein you state that he is ineligible to own or purchase a firearm. Please consider this letter as an appeal and demand to declare Mr. Newton eligible to own and purchase firearms and ammunition.

In your letter dated December 5, 2019, the Department states, erroneously, that Mr. Newton was of the class of persons convicted of an offense punishable by a term exceeding one year (i.e. a felony). This statement and denial in 2019 was spurious and without basis. This is supported by Mr. Newton's criminal history which does not contain any entries for a felony offense. In the Department's July 19, 2021 letter, the Department acknowledges that, in fact, Mr. Newton had not been convicted of a felony. The Department states in relevant part "Based on further review and investigation, the original prohibitive information has been resolved." (See US DOJ FBI letter, July 19, 2021, enclosed). However, in this most recent letter, the Department raises yet another claim of prohibition against Mr. Newton. Specifically, the Department states that Mr. Newton's record reveals a *potentially* prohibitive arrest lacking victim relationship association. You cite Title 18, United States Code sections, 921(a)(33) and 922(g)(9) referring to misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence ("MCDV") and the required nature of the victim to qualify as such an offense. The letter goes on to state that the Department was unable to "nullify" the "*potential*" prohibitor. The Department claims that information is missing which is required to make the determination of whether there is an actual prohibition. This concern raised by the Department appears to pertain to Mr. Newton's arrest in December, 1981 and the subsequent misdemeanor convictions stemming from that arrest. As described more fully herein, there is absolutely no indication in the record to create any inference or suspicion that the offenses at issue involved a victim who falls within the classification of a MCDV. It appears that the Department has engaged in rank speculation with no basis to impute to the case at issue an element of domestic violence. Moreover, the Department has improperly shifted the burden to

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Mr. Newton to prove his eligibility to own and possess firearms despite the lack of any evidence to suggest he is prohibited.

According to the record maintained by the Department, Mr. Newton was convicted of a violation of Code of Federal Regulations title 36, section 2.7(1), fighting, a misdemeanor, in connection with an arrest which occurred on or about December 26, 1981. Title 36, section 2.7 subdivision '(1)' provided the following as the statute existed in 1981:

(a) A person commits disorderly conduct when, with intent to cause public alarm, nuisance, jeopardy or violence, or knowingly or recklessly creating a risk thereof, such person commits any of the following prohibited acts:

(1) Engages in fighting or threatening, or in violent behavior.

The language of this offense includes no reference to or indication of domestic violence or a victim who falls within the class of persons which could cause an offense to come within the definition of an MCDV pursuant to 921(a)(33) and 922(g)(9). Moreover, there is no evidence pertaining to the underlying arrest or otherwise in the record which implies or would allow one to infer that the incident involved a victim of that class.

Mr. Newton was also convicted in connection with the same transaction of facts of a misdemeanor violation of United States Code Title 18, section 113, subdivision 'd' for 'striking/beating/wounding. The statute, which appears to have been renumbered without substantive change to the subsection at issue provides in relevant part:

(a) Whoever, within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, is guilty of an assault shall be punished as follows:

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(4) Assault by striking, beating, or wounding, by a fine under this title or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.

As with 36 CFR 2.7, the language of this statute includes no reference to or indication of domestic violence or a victim who falls within the class of persons which could cause an offense to come within the definition of an MCDV pursuant to 921(a)(33) and 922(g)(9). Also, there is no evidence pertaining to the underlying arrest which implies or would allow one to infer it involved a victim of that class.

Mr. Newton has sustained various state-level convictions in California. None of these convictions bear on or adversely affect his right to own and possess firearms. His California Department of Justice rap sheet is enclosed.

It is unclear why or how the Department has inferred from Mr. Newton's record that the above convictions possibly domestic violence or that the victim was of the class of persons defined by federal law which would cause the offense to be categorized as an MCDV. The

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Department wrote that the case *potentially* involved facts and events which could bring the offense within the definition of an MCDV. That it *potentially*, without one iota of evidentiary support for that claim, could have involved domestic violence is wholly irrelevant. It is outrageous that the Department would take such a position with no basis in fact and deny Mr. Newton access to a fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution. The Department is subject to action pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, section 925 subdivision '(a)(2)'.

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The records pertaining to the convictions at issue have been destroyed. (See Letter of United States District Court, Eastern District of California, August 21, 2019) As discussed above, no information exists to suggest that the arrest and convictions Mr. Newton sustained in federal court implicate an MCDV whether in the court record or in the record maintained by the Department. However, witnesses exist, including Mr. Newton, who can provide information to the Department to further cement the assertion that the convictions at issue are wholly removed from the classification of MCDV. Mr. Newton and his nephews executed declarations under penalty of perjury recounting relevant information pertaining to the incident from 1981. (See Declaration of Ralph Newton, Michael Synder, and Silas Snyder) Their declarations describe, in essence, that the incident underlying Mr. Newton's arrest and convictions was a bar fight in Yosemite wherein Mr. Newton was involved in a physical altercation with people previously unknown to him. These declarations, combined with the complete and utter absence of any evidence to the contrary, makes clear that Mr. Newton's convictions resulting from the December, 1981 arrest were not MCDVs nor were any one of the victims of the class of persons which could potentially qualify the offenses as MCDVs.

The Department has erroneously denied Mr. Newton's right to purchase, own, and possess firearms. The Department first did so in 2019 when it erroneously concluded he had been convicted of a felony criminal offense. The Department has made yet another error, a grievous one at that, to conclude without evidence that Mr. Newton's misdemeanor convictions following his December 1981 arrest could *potentially* have involved elements of domestic violence. Worse, to shift the burden to Mr. Newton is a violation of due process, his Second Amendment right to own or possess firearms, and clear grounds for an action pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, section 925 subsection '(a)'.

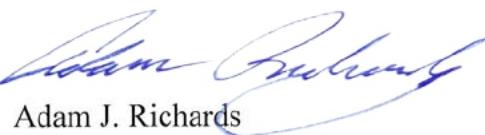
There is no evidence that Mr. Newton should be denied the right to purchase, own, and possess firearms. He has never been convicted of a prohibiting offense. The record maintained by the Department reveals that he is eligible to purchase a firearm and the attached declarations drive home the point that domestic violence was not an element of the federal misdemeanors he sustained.

Please revise the Department's determination and amend the NICS database to verify that Mr. Newton is not prohibited from purchasing a firearm.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Adam J. Richards

Enclosure: US DOJ – FBI – letter July 19, 2021  
Declaration of Ralph Newton  
Declaration of Michael Snyder  
United States District Court, Eastern Dist. of California, letter, August 21, 2019  
California Department of Justice Rap Sheet – Newton, Ralph



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Clarksburg, WV 26306  
July 19, 2021

RALPH MARK NEWTON  
2464 CLOVERLAWN DRIVE  
GRANTS PASS, OR 97527

RE: Firearm-Related Challenge  
NTN: 1012XDBXV

Dear Mr. Newton:

The fingerprints you submitted are identical with those in a record that was used in the evaluation of your firearm purchase or pawn redemption. A copy of your FBI Identity History Summary and/or state-maintained criminal history is enclosed for your review. Based on further review and investigation, the original prohibitive information has been resolved.

Your FBI Identity History Summary currently reveals a potentially prohibitive arrest lacking victim relationship in association with Title 18, United States Code, sections 921(a)(33) and 922(g)(9): "A person who has been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence which has an element for the use or attempted use of physical force, or the threatened use of a deadly weapon, committed by a current or former spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian or by a person similarly situated to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim." Please note that the crime does not have to be called "domestic violence" or "family violence" by name; so long as the convicted person used or attempted to use physical force or threatened to use a deadly weapon against someone with whom he or she was in a qualifying relationship, the standard is met..

The FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division was unable to nullify the potential prohibitor. To obtain the missing information, you may contact:

California Attorney General's Office  
4949 Broadway  
Sacramento, CA 95820  
Phone: 916-227-3394  
Date of Arrest: December 26, 1981  
Agency Case Number: 81-0854C

If you have, or can obtain, documentation that was available at the time of the arrest/court proceedings, please provide the court documentation containing the final disposition, level of conviction, and/or convicting statute and subsection; police report or court documentation

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containing victim information; documentation containing information that your firearm rights were restored, a pardon was received, or the case was expunged, etc. Please be advised, a "no record found" document is not sufficient documentation and should not be provided. This includes documentation that indicates the records are no longer available, or have been destroyed, due to state retention laws.

When you have obtained all of the requested documentation listed above, please submit it to our office. However, documentation must be received within 88 days of the date of this letter. Please be advised, the FBI is required to destroy delayed transactions within 88 days. Documentation received after 88 days cannot be processed.

You may submit the documentation to the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, ATTN: Criminal History Analysis Team 1, BTC 3, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306.

Additionally, the FBI received your Voluntary Appeal File (VAF) request. Unfortunately, your VAF application cannot be considered at this time because it has not been determined that you are eligible to possess or receive a firearm.

Should it be determined that you are eligible to possess or receive a firearm in the future, you will need to submit a new completed VAF application and fingerprint card to the FBI NICS Functional Support Unit (NFSU). Please refer to the FBI NICS NFSU website at [www.fbi.gov/nics-appeals](http://www.fbi.gov/nics-appeals) under the section heading "How to Apply for the VAF" to obtain the instructions and requirements for submitting a VAF application to the FBI NICS NFSU.

You may submit an electronic VAF application via the FBI NICS NFSU website under the section heading "How to Apply for the VAF" or you may submit a hard copy VAF application to the following address:

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Criminal Justice Information Services Division  
NICS Section  
NICS Functional Support Unit  
Post Office Box 4278  
Clarksburg, West Virginia 26302-4278

Your firearm background check will remain in a delay status unless you supply documentation that nullifies the potential firearm prohibitor. Please ensure all correspondence/submissions contain your National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Transaction Number (NTN).

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Failure to do so will only delay your challenge. If you cannot obtain the documentation, you may confer with an attorney of your own choosing to determine what remedies may potentially be available to you.

Biometric Services Section  
Criminal Justice Information  
Services Division

Enclosure

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NAME NEWTON, RALPH MARK DOB 1952 [REDACTED]

DESCRIPTORS ON FILE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME NEWTON, RALPH MARK

SEX	RACE	BIRTH DATE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	EYES	HAIR
M	W	1952 [REDACTED]	508	150	BROWN	BROWN

BIRTH CITY            BIRTH PLACE  
UNREPORTED            CALIFORNIA

HENRY CLASS	PATTERN CLASS
14 M 26 W      100 0	LS
M 16 W      101 0	

OTHER BIRTH DATES	SCARS-MARKS-TATTOOS	SOCIAL SECURITY	MISC NUMBERS
NONE	NONE	NULL	NONE

ALIAS NAME (S)  
NEWTON, NAS  
NEWTON, R MARK  
NEWTON, RALPH

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(CA; 2009-08-13)

\*\*\*\*\* IDENTIFICATION \*\*\*\*\*

Subject Name(s)

NEWTON, RALPH MARK  
NEWTON, R MARK (AKA)  
NEWTON, MARK (AKA)

Subject Description

FBI Number State Id Number  
345992J1 06144774

Social Security Number Driver's License Number  
[REDACTED] 8506 E0486327 ()  
[REDACTED] 8516

Sex Race  
Male White

Height Weight Date of Birth  
5'09" 160 1952 [REDACTED]

Hair Color Eye Color  
Black Brown

Place of Birth Ethnicity  
CALIFORNIA White American

Employment Occupation  
PARA-MEDC STDNT

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BIRTH PLACE  
CALIFORNIA

PATTERN CLASS  
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1-ARRESTED OR RECEIVED 1981/12/26  
AGENCY-NATL PARK RANGER DIV YOSEMITE NATL PK (CADI00700)  
AGENCY CASE-81547

CHARGE 1-DC-FIGHTING  
CHARGE 2-ASLT BY STRIKING BEATING WOUNDING

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CHARGE-ASLT BY STRIKING BEATING WOUNDING  
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## \*\*\*\*\* CRIMINAL HISTORY \*\*\*\*\*

## ===== Cycle 001 =====

Earliest Event Date 1977-12-31

Arrest Date 1977-12-31  
 Arrest Case Number 77-13270  
 Arresting Agency CA0270000 CASOSALINAS  
 Subject's Name NEWTON, RALPH MARK  
 Comment(s) ARREST/DETAINED/CITED  
 Charge 1  
 Statute OBSTRUCTS/RESISTS PUBLIC OFFICER (148 PC )  
 State Offense Code 48013  
 Severity Misdemeanor  
 Disposition (ACTION PENDING)

Court Disposition (Cycle 001)  
 Court Case Number 56010  
 Final Disposition Date 1978-01-03  
 Court Agency CA027033J CAMCMONTEREY  
 Subject's Name NEWTON, RALPH MARK  
 Charge 1  
 Statute OBSTRUCTS/RESISTS PUBLIC OFFICER (148 PC )  
 State Offense Code 48013  
 Severity Unknown  
 Disposition (CONVICTED PLED GUILTY)  
 Court Comment COURT ACTION

Sentencing (Cycle 001)  
 Sentence FINE

## ===== Cycle 002 =====

Earliest Event Date 1981-12-26

Arrest Date 1981-12-26  
 Arrest Case Number 81-547  
 Arresting Agency CAO USRANAT PK YOSMTE  
 Subject's Name NEWTON, RALPH MARK  
 Comment(s) ARREST/DETAINED/CITED  
 Charge 1  
 Statute FIGHTING ( )  
 State Offense Code 53044  
 Severity Other  
 Charge 2  
 Charge Description CHRG-18 USC 113 (D) ASSLT BY  
 STRIKING, BEATING, & WOUNDING  
 Statute MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSE ( )  
 State Offense Code 66999  
 Severity Misdemeanor

Court Disposition (Cycle 002)  
 Court Case Number 81-0854C  
 Final Disposition Date 1981-12-28  
 Court Agency CA03494JZ CACUCOURT UNKNOWN  
 Subject's Name NEWTON, RALPH MARK  
 Charge 1

Charge Description CHRG-36 CFR 2.7 (1) DISORDERLY CONDUCT-FIGHTING MISD  
 Statute SEE COMMENT FOR CHARGE ( )  
 State Offense Code 66085  
 Severity Misdemeanor  
 Disposition (CONVICTED-PROBATION)  
 Court Comment COURT ACTION

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Sentencing (Cycle 002)  
 Sentence 001 YEARS PROBATION; FINE

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Sentencing (Cycle 002)  
 Sentence 006 DAYS JAIL

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===== Cycle 003 =====  
 Earliest Event Date 1986-12-04

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Arrest Date 1986-12-04  
 Arrest Case Number AQS986  
 Arresting Agency CA001ID00 CAIDALAMEDA CO  
 Arresting Agency CA0010300 CAPDBERKELEY  
 Subject's Name NEWTON, RALPH MARK  
 Comment(s) ARREST/DETAINED/CITED  
 Charge 1  
     Statute VANDALISM (594(A) PC )  
     State Offense Code 29042  
     Severity Misdemeanor  
     Disposition ( 1986-12-19; PROS REJECT/OTHER)  
 Charge 2  
     Statute HIT AND RUN:PROPERTY DAMAGE (20002(A) VC )  
     State Offense Code 54038  
     Severity Misdemeanor  
     Disposition ( 1986-12-19; PROS REJECT/OTHER)

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Court Disposition (Cycle 003)  
 Court Case Number 113218  
 Final Disposition Date 1987-04-24  
 Court Agency CA001033J CAMCBERKELEY  
 Subject's Name NEWTON, RALPH MARK  
 Charge 1  
     Statute VANDALISM (594(B) (2) PC )  
     State Offense Code 29063  
     Severity Unknown  
     Disposition (PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED/DIVERSION)  
 Court Comment COURT ACTION

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Court Disposition (Cycle 003)  
 Court Case Number 113218  
 Final Disposition Date 1990-06-19  
 Court Agency CA001033J CAMCBERKELEY  
 Subject's Name NEWTON, RALPH MARK  
 Charge 1  
     Statute VANDALISM (594(B) (2) PC )  
     State Offense Code 29063  
     Severity Unknown  
     Disposition (DIVERSION DISMISSED)  
 Court Comment COURT ACTION

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===== Cycle 004 =====  
 Earliest Event Date 1986-12-06

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Arrest Date 1986-12-06

Arrest Case Number 6106561AQS986  
 Arresting Agency CA001ID00 CAIDALAMEDA CO  
 Subject's Name NEWTON, RALPH MARK  
 Comment(s) ARREST/DETAINED/CITED  
 Charge 1  
 Statute HIT AND RUN: PROPERTY DAMAGE (20002(A) VC )  
 State Offense Code 54038  
 Severity Misdemeanor  
 Charge 2  
 Statute HIT AND RUN: PROPERTY DAMAGE (20002(A) VC )  
 State Offense Code 54038  
 Severity Misdemeanor  
 Disposition ( 1986-12-08; PROS REJECT/OTHER)

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Court Disposition (Cycle 004)  
 Court Case Number 113083  
 Final Disposition Date 1987-03-19  
 Court Agency CA001033J CAMCBERKELEY  
 Subject's Name NEWTON, RALPH MARK  
 Charge 1  
 Statute HIT AND RUN: PROPERTY DAMAGE (20002(A) VC )  
 State Offense Code 54038  
 Severity Unknown  
 Disposition (DISMISSED/FOJ/PLEA TO OTHER CHARGE)  
 Charge 2  
 Statute NON RETAINABLE OFFENSE ( )  
 State Offense Code 66038  
 Severity Misdemeanor  
 Disposition (CONVICTED-PROBATION)  
 Court Comment COURT ACTION

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Sentencing (Cycle 004)  
 Sentence FINE; PROBATION  


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 Earliest Event Date 1988-06-22

Arrest Date 1988-06-22  
 Arrest Case Number 8144601AQS986  
 Arresting Agency CA001ID00 CAIDALAMEDA CO  
 Arresting Agency CA0010300 CAPDBERKELEY  
 Subject's Name NEWTON, RALPH MARK  
 Comment(s) ARREST/DETAINED/CITED  
 Charge 1  
 Statute OBSTRUCTS/RESISTS PUBLIC OFFICER (148 PC )  
 State Offense Code 48013  
 Severity Misdemeanor  
 Disposition ( 1988-06-29; PROS REL-DET ONLY-INTEREST OF JUSTICE)

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Earliest Event Date 1988-09-12

Arrest Date 1988-09-12  
 Arrest Case Number 440221  
 Arresting Agency CA0380100 CAPDSAN FRANCISCO  
 Subject's Name NEWTON, RALPH MARK  
 Comment(s) ARREST/DETAINED/CITED  
 Charge 1  
 Statute BATTERY PEACE OFCR/EMERG PERSNL/ETC (243(B) PC )  
 State Offense Code 13081  
 Severity Misdemeanor

Disposition ( 1988-09-12; PROS REL-DET ONLY-INTEREST OF JUSTICE)

Charge 2  
Statute OBSTRUCTS/RESISTS PUBLIC OFFICER (148 PC )  
State Offense Code 48013  
Severity Misdemeanor  
Disposition ( 1988-09-12; PROS REL-DET ONLY-INTEREST OF JUSTICE)

\*\*\*\*\* NON CRIMINAL INFORMATION \*\*\*\*\*

Fingerprint Date 1991-01-30  
Description APPLICANT  
Fingerprint Reason APPLICANT LICENSE CERT OR PERMIT  
\*\*\*\*\* INDEX OF AGENCIES \*\*\*\*\*

Agency CAPDBERKELEY; CA0010300;

Agency CAIDALAMEDA CO; CA001ID00;

Agency CASOSALINAS; CA0270000;

Agency CAPDSAN FRANCISCO; CA0380100;

Agency USRANAT PK YOSMTE; CA0;

Agency CACUCOURT UNKNOWN; CA03494JZ;

Agency CAMCBERKELEY; CA001033J;

Agency CAMCMONTEREY; CA027033J;

Agency USRANAT PK YOSMTE; CA0;

\* \* \* END OF RECORD \* \* \*

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8 I, Ralph Mark Newton, declare:

- 9 1. I was arrested on or about December 26, 1981 in Yosemite National Park.
- 10 2. I traveled to Yosemite with my two nephews, Michael and Silas Snyder. Their mother  
11 is my sister, Jan Newton. The boys were 15 and 17 at the time to the best of my  
12 recollection. I transported them and no one else to Yosemite from their home in  
Berkeley, California on or about December 26, 1981.
- 13 3. On or about the night of December 26, 1981, I left my nephews at a rented cabin in the  
14 Valley and traveled to the Yosemite Lodge bar to consume alcohol. While at the bar at  
15 the Yosemite Lodge, I became involved in a physical altercation with two men who  
16 were previously unknown to me. I was not the current or former spouse, parent, or  
17 guardian of the victims, I did not share a child in common with them, I did not  
18 cohabit or previously cohabit with them as a spouse, parent, or guardian, nor was  
19 I similarly situated to them as a spouse, parent, or guardian nor did anyone else in the  
20 bar that night fit those criteria.
- 21 4. I was subsequently arrested that night by park officers in connection with the physical  
22 altercation.
- 23 5. My sister traveled to Yosemite to retrieve her children that night due to my  
24 incarceration.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, except as to  
matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

10 Executed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021, at Grants Pass, Oregon.

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Mark Ralph Newton

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8 I, Michael Snyder, declare:

- 9 1. Ralph Mark Newton is my uncle. He is my mother's brother as a full blood relative.
- 10 2. On or about December 26, 1981 traveled to Yosemite National Park with my brother  
11 Silas Snyder and my uncle Ralph Mark Newton. My uncle drove us to Yosemite to  
12 spend a couple of nights in Yosemite Valley. No one else traveled with us.
- 13 3. On the first night we arrived, my Uncle Ralph left my brother and me in the cabin we  
14 had rented. My uncle told us he was going to the bar at the lodge to have a drink.
- 15 4. My brother and I went to sleep but were later awoken by law enforcement officers  
16 who informed us that our uncle had been arrested for being involved in a bar fight.
- 17 5. My brother and I contacted our mother, Jan Newton, who drove to the Valley from our  
18 home in Berkeley, California to pick us up.

19 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, except as to  
20 matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.  
21 Executed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021, at Glendale, OR.  
22 (city) (state)

23   
Michael Snyder



Chambers of  
JEREMY D. PETERSON  
United States Magistrate Judge

## United States District Court

Eastern District of California  
9004 Castle Cliff Court • P.O. Box 575  
Yosemite National Park, CA 95389  

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(209) 372-0438

Ralph Newton  
2464 Clover Lawn Dr.  
Grants Pass, OR 97527

August 21, 2019, 2019

Dear Mr Newton,

This letter is written in response to your inquiry searching for court records in your name from more than 20 years ago. I am writing to confirm that the Yosemite Court does not have any records on file. Additionally, it is likely that your case may have been a misdemeanor or a petty offense as the Yosemite court does not handle felonies. Additionally, the records for all cases handled in Yosemite are destroyed after five years as I shared with you over the phone.

I hope this letter fulfills your requirements. If you have additional questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Kirstie Dunbar-Kari  
Courtroom Deputy to  
Honorable Magistrate Judge Jeremy D. Peterson  
(209) 372-8917  
kirstiekari@gmail.com

*United States District Court*



*Eastern District of California*

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*2500 Tulare Street, Room 1501*

*Fresno, California 93721*

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*Marianne Matherly, Clerk*

August 23, 2019

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A search of our records was made for the name Ralph Mark Newton.

X No information was found regarding the above-named individual.

— The above-named individual is listed as a party in the following case:

Please note, Court records do not include any personal data on individuals such as date of birth, social security number, etc.; therefore, we cannot guarantee that the above-named is indeed the party you are inquiring about.

Marianne Matherly,

CLERK OF COURT

By: S. Sant Agata

S. Sant Agata, Deputy Clerk

**XAVIER BECERRA**  
Attorney General

*State of California*  
**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**



*Bureau of Criminal Information and Analysis*  
Record Review and Challenge Section  
P. O. Box 160207  
Sacramento, CA 95816-0207

August 18, 2020

Ralph Mark Newton  
2464 Clover Lawn Drive  
Grants Pass, OR 97527

RE: Criminal History Record  
CII # A06144774

Dear Mr. Newton:

This correspondence is in response to your claim of alleged inaccuracy or incompleteness in your California state summary criminal history record as maintained by the California Department of Justice (DOJ) received on March 19, 2020.

Regarding your request to amend the arrest entry dated December 26, 1981, based on information received from the contributing agency, your record has been amended. A current copy of your California state summary criminal history record is enclosed.

If you have questions concerning firearms eligibility, etc., please contact the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Firearms, at (916) 227-7527 or at [Firearms.Bureau@doj.ca.gov](mailto:Firearms.Bureau@doj.ca.gov).

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please direct your correspondence to the Record Review and Challenge Section at the address provided above.

Sincerely,

ANNETTE AH PO, Manager II  
Record Quality Services Program  
Bureau of Criminal Information and Analysis

For XAVIER BECERRA  
Attorney General

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RE: QHY.CA0349400.06144774.APPUSR. DATE:20200818 TIME:09:38:17  
 RESTRICTED-DO NOT USE FOR EMPLOYMENT,LICENSING OR CERTIFICATION PURPOSES  
 ATTN:APPUSR

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 FOR CALIFORNIA AGENCIES ONLY - HAS PREVIOUS QUALIFYING OFFENSE. COLLECT  
 DNA IF INCARCERATED, CONFINED, OR ON PROBATION OR PAROLE FOLLOWING ANY  
 MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY CONVICTION. REQUEST KITS AND INFO AT (510) 620-  
 3300 OR PC296.PC296@DOJ.CA.GOV.  
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\*\* III MULTIPLE SOURCE RECORD

CII/A06144774

DOB/1952 [REDACTED] SEX/M RAC/WHITE  
 HGT/509 WGT/160 EYE/BRO HAI/BLK POB/CA  
 NAM/001 NEWTON, RALPH MARK  
 002 NEWTON, R MARK  
 003 NEWTON, MARK

AMENDED

FBI/345992J1  
 DMV/E0486327  
 SOC/[REDACTED]8516 [REDACTED]8506  
 OCC/PARA-MEDC STDNT; ROOFER  
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ARR/DET/CITE: NAM:001  
 19771231 CASO SALINAS

CNT:001 #77-13270  
 148 PC-OBSTRUCTS/RESISTS PUBLIC OFFICER TOC:M  
 DISPO:ACTION PENDING  
 148 PC-OBSTRUCTS/RESISTS PUBLIC OFFICER  
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COURT: NAM:001  
 19780103 CAMC MONTEREY

CNT:001 #56010  
 148 PC-OBSTRUCTS/RESISTS PUBLIC OFFICER TOC:M  
 \*DISPO:CONVICTED  
 SEN: FINE  
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ARR/DET/CITE: NAM:001  
 19811226 USRA NAT PK YOSMTE

CNT:001 #81-547  
 FIGHTING TOC:N

CNT:002  
 MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSE TOC:M  
 SEN: 006 DAYS JAIL  
 COM: CHRG-18 USC 113 (D) ASSLT BY STRIKING,BEATING,&  
 WOUNDING  
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COURT: NAM:001  
 19811228 CACU COURT UNKNOWN

CNT:001 #81-0854C  
 SEE COMMENT FOR CHARGE TOC:N  
 \*DISPO:CONVICTED  
 CONV STATUS:MISDEMEANOR  
 SEN: 001 YEARS PROBATION, FINE  
 COM: CHRG-36 CFR 2.7 (1) DISORDERLY CONDUCT-FIGHTING MISD  
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ARR/DET/CITE: NAM:001  
19861204 CAID ALAMEDA CO

CNT:001 #AQS986  
594(A) PC-VANDALISM  
19861219  
DISPO:PROS REJECT/OTHER  
ARR BY:CAPD BERKELEY

TOC:M

CNT:002  
20002(A) VC-HIT AND RUN:PROPERTY DAMAGE  
19861219  
DISPO:PROS REJECT/OTHER

TOC:M

COURT: NAM:001  
19870424 CAMC BERKELEY

CNT:001 #113218  
594(B)(2) PC-VANDALISM  
DISPO:PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED/DIVERSION

TOC:M

COURT: NAM:001  
19900619 CAMC BERKELEY

CNT:001 #113218  
594(B)(2) PC-VANDALISM  
DISPO:DIVERSION DISMISSED

TOC:M

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ARR/DET/CITE: NAM:001  
19861206 CAID ALAMEDA CO

CNT:001 #6106561AQS986  
20002(A) VC-HIT AND RUN:PROPERTY DAMAGE

TOC:M

CNT:002  
20002(A) VC-HIT AND RUN:PROPERTY DAMAGE  
19861208  
DISPO:PROS REJECT/OTHER

TOC:M

COURT: NAM:001  
19870319 CAMC BERKELEY

CNT:001 #113083  
20002(A) VC-HIT AND RUN:PROPERTY DAMAGE  
DISPO:DISMISSED/FOJ/PLEA TO OTHER CHARGE

TOC:M

CNT:002  
NON RETAINABLE OFFENSE  
\*DISPO:CONVICTED  
CONV STATUS:MISDEMEANOR  
SEN: PROBATION, FINE

TOC:M

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ARR/DET/CITE: NAM:001  
19880622 CAID ALAMEDA CO

CNT:001 #8144601AQS986  
148 PC-OBSTRUCTS/RESISTS PUBLIC OFFICER  
19880629  
DISPO:PROS REL-DET ONLY-INTEREST OF JUSTICE  
ARR BY:CAPD BERKELEY

TOC:M

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ARR/DET/CITE: NAM:001  
19880912 CAPD SAN FRANCISCO

CNT:001 #440221  
243(B) PC-BATTERY PEACE OFCR/EMERG PERSNL/ETC TOC:M  
19880912  
DISPO:PROS REL-DET ONLY-INTEREST OF JUSTICE

CNT:002  
148 PC-OBSTRUCTS/RESISTS PUBLIC OFFICER TOC:M  
19880912  
DISPO:PROS REL-DET ONLY-INTEREST OF JUSTICE  
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APPLICANT: NAM:001  
19910130 CASD MOTOR VEHICLES, SACRAMENTO

CNT:001 #E0486327AMB  
APPLICANT LICENSE CERT OR PERMIT TOC:N  
\* \* \* END OF MESSAGE \* \* \*